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RAJIV SAGAR PROJECT
Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajiv Sagar (Bawanthadi) project is a joint project between Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the work on the project is being hampered due to delay in clearance of cases pertaining to acquisition of forest land in Maharashtra and delay in providing the amount of its share by the Maharashtra Government;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any action to ensure early completion of the said project under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes sir.

(b) The revised forest proposal of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra area has been submitted to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi by the concerned Conservator of Forests on 8th October 2006 and 11th August 2006 respectively. The Conservator of Forests (Central) Bhopal has inspected the site and submitted the site report to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India. Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that Maharashtra State has already paid their share cost to the Government of Madhya Pradesh and at present, there is no hindrance in project work due to this.

(c) The Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra portions of the project has been included in AIBP in 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively and central assistance is being provided to these States as per the guidelines of the programme in force from time to time on the basis of proposals received from respective State Governments and AIBP ceiling for the State fixed by the Planning Commission on year to year basis.

(d) As per Memorandum of Understanding signed between Government of Maharashtra with the Ministry of Water Resources, the project components of Maharashtra included in AIBP are proposed for completion by March 2008 by State Government of Maharashtra. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that dam is proposed for completion by June 2008 and canal system of Madhya Pradesh by March 2009 by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.